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SUBJ: DPC MEETING JULY 31, 1975: AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF FRG DRAFT PAPER ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF A MAJOR NATINAL MILITARY EXERCISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE CSCE AS CIRCULATED BY AMBASSADOR KRAPF TO PERMREPS AT JULY 31 DPC MEETING (REPORTED SEPTTEL). FYI: GROSSE ROCHADE WAS INTIALLY PLANNED AS A GERMAN TRAINING EXERCISE. FRENCH PARTICIPATION WAS ARRANGED ON A BILATERAL BASIS PRIOR TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONCEPT OF THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES AS A NATO UMBRELLA TO EMBRACE MANY EXERCISES, INCLUDING GROSSE ROCHADE, AND WE ARE NOT AWARE WHETHER FRG HAS SOLICITED FRENCH VIEWS ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF GROSSE ROCHADE IN CBM CONTEXT WHICH WOULD LINK FRANCE, IF ONLY BY INFERENCE, TO NATO EXERCISE. END FYI.
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WITH REFERENCE TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF CSCE DATED 1 AUG 75,
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ESPECIALLY THE DOCUMENT ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS THE HONOUR TO ANNOUNCE ITS NATIONAL MAJOR-UNIT EXERCISE "GROSSE ROCHADE". THIS EXERCISE,

WILL TAKE PART ON THE INVITATION OF THE FEDERAL ARMED FORCES,
WILL TAKE PLACE IN BAVARIA FROM 15 TO 19 SEPT 1975.

NAME OF THE EXERCISE: "GROSSE ROCHADE";

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: NATIONAL FIELD EXERCISE OF THE LAND FORCES
WITH TWO PARTIES WITH AIR SUPPORT;

PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE: OPERATIONS AT DIVISIONAL LEVEL;

TIME OF THE EXERCISE: 15 TO 19 SEPT 1975;

EXERCISE AREA: MARKTREDWITZ - PASSAU - MUNICH - AUGSBURG -
NUREMBERG;

COMMAND LEVEL: II GERMAN CORPS;

UNITS PARTICIPATING: 10TH ARMoured DIVISION, 4TH LIGHT INFANTRY
DIVISION, PARTS OF 1ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, PARTS OF THE CORPS SUPPORT
AND SUPPLY UNITS, PARTS OF THE HOME DEFENCE FORCE, ONE US BRIGADE,
ONE CANADIAN BRIGADE, ONE FRENCH RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT;

TOTAL NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL INVOLVED: 68,000;

ABSENCE FROM GARRISONS: THE GROUND FORCES WILL LEAVE THEIR
GARRISONS BETWEEN 11 AND 13 SEPT 1975 AND WILL RETURN BEGINNING
19 SEPT 1975, THE BULK OF THEM ON 20 SEPT 1975. STREATOR

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